DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

II. Land Revenue and Taxes on Income.

Mr. K. Kunjan Pillai (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 367 under demand II—Land Revenue and Taxes on Income. This amount is required for meeting the expenditure on account of arrears of rent due for the building in which the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Income-tax was held. The arrears relate to the period from Thulam to Meenom 1116. The amount provided for the purpose in the budget of 1116 could not be drawn and disbursed on account of dispute as to the person entitled to receive the rent. The dispute has now come to an end and the arrears are proposed to be paid to the party. I therefore request the House to sanction this amount as an additional grant.

The motion was passed and the grant made.

DEMAND VII—Public Works Department including Water works and Drainage.

Mr. I. C. Chacko: Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 5,125 under Demand VII—Public Works Department including Water Works and Drainage. This amount is required to meet the additional expenditure on account of the T. A. claims of the members of the P. W. D. Advisory Committee. The members of the committee did some touring work towards the latter part of 1116. The amount allotted for this year is sufficient only for the normal expenditure of this year. The additional sum is required to meet the arrears of 1116. So I move this motion for the sanction of this House.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad cum Chirayinkil*): May I ask whether the department could not have anticipated the touring work during the last year?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: They decided on the touring only towards the latter part of last year.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai (*Quilon cum Kunnathur*): Sir, I rise to oppose the demand. I infer that this amount asked for has already been spent. The Chief Engineer stated that the committee had already done some touring work. The present demand is to meet the expenditure in excess of the grant already made by this House at the time of the budget. That is an irregularity against which this House, if it hopes to exercise any financial control, ought to protest against. They had no business to carry on their travels in excess of the amount that had been granted by both Houses of Legislature, which comes to Rs. 3,000. There is no purpose in estimating for the budget if the amounts so estimated are undependable. If the actual expenditure

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